

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

Minutes

October 4, 2021

- I. Call to Order @ 6:30p.m. (Pledges)
- II. Officers in attendance- Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Anna Fryer, Leslie Campbell, Megan Town
- III. MSU Staff
 - a. Ali Olson and Jennifer Berky
- IV. Members in Attendance: Ali Olson, Stacy Sieffert, Audrey Town, Kelly Saxton, MaryLynn Robertson, Lori Cedarquist, Amanda Wilkins, Emma Kroupa, Gary Kroupa, Lynn Henning, David Robinson, Sarah Youker, Jamie Hansen, Ellory Hansen, Heather Rosa, Lyla Hansen, Diane Moyer, Pam Zientek, Rosie Shaffer, Rose and JoAnn Bohrer, Jenni Wasson, Shayna Conger, Lily Robertson, Kelsey Stockfisch, Kelly Stockfisch, Randy Stockfisch, Ella Stockfisch, Deb Canfield, Spencer Canfield, Brent Edgecomb, Gretchen Sauvage, Gwyn Carter, Amanda Brooks, Krystyna Griffith, Leah Delahanty, Robin Gildner, Chad Gildner, Wade, Gildner, Adam Drzewiecki, Leslie Littlefield, Marsha Maratea, Ella Maratea, Katelynn Horn, Elaine Taghon, Rachel Raniszewski, Annie Grant, Kim Franke, Will Grant, Garrett Grant, Melinda Coger, Jeremy Grant, Jessie Milne, Anna Boals, Nicole Wade, Nicki Brown, Laurie Ashley, Beth Stephens, Kylie Greeter, Crystal Breithaupt, Adam Fryer, Suzy Greeter, Kathy Easter, Robert Brown, Mandy DePuy, Kadin Crosley,
- V. Additions to Agenda
 - a. Brent Edgecomb
- VI. Approval of September 13, 2021 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Gretchen Sauvage seconded by Lisa Ralph. Minutes approved.
- VII. Treasurers Report
 - a. Report given in Email and read by Keri Bancroft
- VIII. Fair Board News
 - a. Joe Hubbell
 - i. 10/5/21 is the deadline for Fair Board applications.
 - ii. Please email to Carolyn
 - iii. Has to be an association member
 - iv. Screams in the dark has started
- IX. 4-H/MSU SpotLight-Jennifer Berky
 - a. Introduces herself standing in for 4H staff
 - b. Leelanau position is posted and closing in 2 weeks
 - c. GT position is finished and an offer letter has been send, waiting on background check in about 2 weeks. The person will start November 1st.

- X. Old Business
 - a. Requirements-Record Books and Thank You Notes
 - i. Due at last meeting
 - ii. Thank you notes are due at today's meeting
 - b. Officer Applications- Vice President and Treasurer
 - i. Accepted until this evening
 - ii. Will be voted next meeting
 - c. Elect Species Chair
 - i. Horses- Mandy DePuy
 - ii. Jr. Beef- Amanda Wilkins
 - iii. Swine-Nicki Brown
 - iv. Lamb- Shayna Conger
 - v. Large Beef-2 Applicants: Crystal Breithaupt, and Krystyna Griffith
 - d. Brent Edgecomb
 - i. Had first meeting last Thursday September 28th
 - 1. Premium book on page 19 says to go to IAFE, however our fair is not a member of this
 - 2. Fair Ground looks great
 - 3. Chain of command- Fair board, Livestock Council, Superintendent, then to Species Chair
 - 4. Want you to be further involved
 - a. October 21 at Church in Interlochen @ 7pm Committee meeting
 - b. Limit of 225 people at the church
 - 5. Meet at a committee October 28th @ Fair Office
 - 6. Looking to build more on handbooks
 - 7. As committee and fair are not looking to punish or turn youth away from the fair.
 - a. The question: Is it fair for all youth to bring youth that has been to 6 different shows and compete against another child that can just bring off the farm?
- XI. Species Chair Updates
 - a. Poultry
 - i. Production Hens- You can purchase from October 15th-January 31st
 - b. Llama/Alpaca
 - i. Record books were great
 - ii. Stay on top of toe trimming
 - iii. Get ready for winter
 - c. Junior Beef
 - i. Record books were great
 - ii. Buyer Thank you letters in tonight!
 - d. Dog
 - i. Nothing new, get 4H online
 - e. Horse

- i. Horseweek.tv- free week of seminars
 - f. Large Beef
 - i. If you are still looking for a project please reach out to Crystal
 - ii. Possession date is January 1st, can tag 2 animals
 - iii. Calves that were raffled, Crystal will be making visits at the end of the month
 - iv. Attend shows-education credits count
 - v. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday show at Midland County Fairgrounds -
 - vi. Winter Beef at MSU- December
 - g. Goat
 - i. Kids are being born November through March
 - ii. When attending check the other animals
 - iii. Can tag two projects-\$10 fee for the second animal
 - iv. Dairy Does
 - 1. If you are breeding, keep it dry/draft free
 - 2. Keep water buckets ice free and animals warm
 - h. Swine
 - i. Record books are done and here. They are not organized by club.
 - 1. Amazing Books
 - ii. Registration date is Feb 1st
 - 1. Registration will be cleaned up this year.
 - iii. Possession is May 1st
 - i. DA
 - j. Dairy Feeder
 - i. Nothing new, record books are good
 - ii. 2021 was great and kids were great
 - k. Lamb
 - i. Everyone got record books in including clover buds
 - ii. Registration will be a bit different, March due
 - iii. Born on or after January 1st
 - iv. Possession May 1st
 - l. Rabbit/Cavy
 - i. Ingham county show 11/6 double rabbit show
 - ii. MSU show 11/27
 - iii. Get them ready for winter
- XII. New Business
 - a. Looking Toward 2022
 - i. Updates-Registrations and Guidebooks
 - 1. Google links at the top of the webpage
 - 2. Goal to roll out before the November 1st meeting
 - 3. Biggest change on guidebooks- highlight rules and regulations changing
 - a. Hoping to have a session to explain
 - 4. Guidebook will be changed to policy and procedures- this will make them RULES
 - ii. 2022 Project Donations

1. Fully approved by MSU for a fundraiser
 2. Have a few pamphlets to send to potential buyers
 3. Mirror the junior beef raffle
 - a. Several feed grants
 - i. Horses
 - ii. Llama/alpaca
 - iii. Small animal
 - iv. Large animal
 - v. Feed grants are open to all
 - vi. Market will be market age
 - b. Have at least (1) for each animal
 - c. Large Beef can still do the feed grant
 - d. You will pick breeder and/or feed mill
 - e. You can only win one
 4. Go to November meeting to enter (must be present to win)
 - a. Will collect everyone's names
 - b. The way to choose is TBD
- iii. 3/6- signed a contract for the education expo
 1. Getting early to hope for sign ups early and lengthy preparations
- b. By-Law Change Proposals- Listed on the Website
 - i. Full Discussion- As a group
 - ii. Article III Funding
 1. Board Standpoint-
 - a. 2021-This year auction 5% earing is \$43,809. If we cap at \$150 the commission would be \$29, 329.82
 - b. 2019- \$33, 954, \$150 would have been \$30,180- much smaller loss
 - c. \$25,000 budget would be hard to maintain- need about \$30,000
 2. Public
 - a. % commission should not be capped
 - b. Livestock Council is helping sell the animal
 - c. Education % is beneficial for kids
 - d. The budget is needed to run a program, it's a business
 - e. Some kids are paying higher rates for education across the board. For example, Steer kids vs Poultry.
 - f. You choose your project, it's your choice as the 4H youth.
 - g. Amendment to raise the cap
 - i. Based on Livestock need-\$400
 - ii. Motion to amend Kelly Stockfisch, seconded by Elaine Taghon
 - iii. Unanimous vote for the change
 - h. Teaching youth the business of agriculture
 - i. Sliding scale
- iii. Article V

1. Different for leaders/volunteers
 2. Remove hold meetings
 3. Remove Complete necessary paperwork
 4. Remove serve as an active member on a livestock council committee
 5. Motion changes Kelly Stockfish, Kelly Saxton seconds. Motion accepted to scratch the above.
- iv. Article VI
 1. Public Comment
 - a. No one stepped up, Council did their job appropriately.
 - v. Article VII
 1. No Public Comment
 - vi. Article VIII
 1. No Public Comment
 - vii. Article XII
 1. Proposed Amendment change for by-law conversation. Propose the changes by the September Livestock meeting and sent to members 10 days prior to October meeting for the ability to discuss, and voted/changed at November meeting.
 2. Motion to amend by Kelly Stockfish, seconded by Laurie Ashley, motion granted.
- c. Crystal Breithaupt will remain the species chair
 - i. Motion to destroy ballets, Kelly Stockfish and Nicki Meredith seconded. Motion granted.
- XIII. Questions/Comments
- XIV. Adjourn-Meeting motioned to adjourn by Gretchen Sauvage, and Kelly Stockfish seconded it. Adjourned at 8:37pm.